

In the Drawings

Replacement sheets (Figs. 10-12) are attached.

In paragraph 2 of the Office Action, dated December 11, 2007, it was indicated that Figures 10-12 should have been designated by a legend such as -- prior art -- because only that which is old is illustrated. Corrected drawings in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.121(d) are hereby filed.

REMARKS

In response to paragraph 2 of the Action, the corrected drawings have been filed.

In paragraphs 3 and 4 of the Action, the abstract was objected to because they include reference characters which are not enclosed within parentheses so as to avoid confusion with other numbers or characters. It was also indicated that the title was not descriptive. In view of the objections, the abstract and the title have been amended.

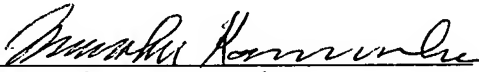
Furthermore, in the Action, claims 1-10 were objected to because of the informalities.

In response to the Action, claims 1 and 10 have been amended so as to obviate the asserted objections, and claims 2-3 and 5-9 have been amended to correct clerical errors. Claims 11-13 have been canceled.

Therefore, the application is now in condition ~~for allowance~~.

Reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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